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SUBJECT: VISIT OF STAFFDEL PARKER

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1. MRS. DOROTHY PARKER, MINORITY COUNSEL OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES AND ESCAPEES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, VISITED THAILAND FROM MAY 11 TO MAY 13. SHE VISITED FOUR DIFFERENT SITES WHERE CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ARE BEING HELD AND CARED FOR, SPOKE WITH REFUGEES THEMSELVES, MET WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF UNHCR AND CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE, AND TALKED WITH AMERICAN AND THAI OFFICIALS. SHE WAS FULLY BRIEFED ON ALL ASPECTS OF REFUGEE OPERATIONS OF THE USG AND THE RTG.

2. MRS. PARKER EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE UNHCR AND EMBASSIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES ARE NOT RESPONDING FAST ENOUGH TO RELIEVE THE PLIGHT OF VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN REFUGEES. IN HER CONVERSATIONS WITH VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHO ESCAPED BY BOAT, THEY MADE CLEAR THAT AFTER HEARING VOA BROADCASTS THEY SET TO SEA WITH THE FULL EXPECTATION OF BEING PICKED UP BY AMERICAN SHIPS AND TAKEN TO THE US FOR RESETTLEMENT. THE FACT THAT THEY MISSED AMERICAN SHIPS AND WERE FORCED TO LAND IN THAILAND WHERE AMERICAN OFFICIALS ARE TELLING THEM TO GO THROUGH THE UNHCR AND OTHER EMBASSIES PRIOR TO APPLYING FOR ENTRY INTO THE US IS A SOURCE OF GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT AND DISILLUSIONMENT. THE REFUGEES TOLD MR. PARKER THAT UNLIKE THE REFUGEES

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IN BOATS OFF SINGAPORE, THE BOATS IN WHICH THEY HAD

REACHED THAILAND ARE NOT SUFFICIENTLY SEA WORTHY TO MAKE
THE VOYAGE TO SUBIC BAY.

3. PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN FOR MRS. PARKER'S USE IN
BRIEFING THE SUBCOMMITTEE UPON HER RETURN, AND SHE HELD
A PRESS CONFERENCE WITH MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN PRESS ON
TUESDAY, MAY 13.

4. BECAUSE MRS. PARKER WAS FORCED TO CUT HER VISIT BY
ONE DAY THE SCHEDULE HERE WAS EXTREMELY FULL AND DEMANDING,
BUT SHE FELT SHE HAD ACCOMPLISHED HER PURPOSE OF GATHERING
INFORMATION FOR THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON VIETNAMESE AND
CAMBODIAN REFUGEES.
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